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MR. RALPH MCMULLEN: I am Ralph McMullen, and I

5 am here strictly as a private citizen tonight. I am not  
6 representing anybody.

7 But I support the Elko County Commission and,  
8 I think, their recent decision that we should take a look,  
9 a hard look at the Yucca Mountain Project and look at it  
10 from the positive aspects and the fact that we also could  
11 receive some federal funding which we are not receiving now  
12 for this particular project. The State needs the money.

13 I also feel -- and I have had a chance to  
14 personally tour the Yucca Mountain Site as the  
15 vice-president of the Navy League for Elko, and I was very  
16 pleased to see the safety requirements that have been put  
17 in for the site.

18 I think it has great viability and it could --  
19 it has got a great potential site as to storing nuclear  
20 energy.

21 I feel we need to do our part in the country  
22 to help to make sure we do have a safe storage area. We  
23 can't be hypocrites, and on one hand and say, we want to  
24 have a Navy with nuclear power, be able to defend our  
25 country, but not have a place to store this energy.

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1 At least based on evidence that has been  
2 presented to me so far, I think Yucca Mountain would serve  
3 as a good site as far as storage of this nuclear fuels  
4 energy. I think it has got great potential.